

# arete

## A Summer Program for High School Students

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**THE NOBLE LIFE:** According to the great texts of the past — those texts on which Western men and women have attempted to build a civilization — the noble life requires, first of all, removing the scales from one's eyes and seeing clearly.

The next step, even more difficult, is to "do" the right thing: to be able to choose, in sometimes ambiguous circumstances, the path that leads to freedom rather than enslavement. This twofold process has formed the basis of Liberal Education and constitutes the foundation on which civilization rests.

This summer you are invited to pursue this life — to read and discuss great texts in the Western tradition, to learn writing in its most persuasive forms, to view works of art with greater understanding, to drink deeply from the fount of knowledge, in a word, to grow in wisdom.



**THE PROGRAM:** Plato, Aristotle, Sophocles, Shakespeare, Nietzsche, Faulkner, O'Connor — these great writers and others will be your teachers over the course of two weeks as you live on the University of Dallas' Irving campus. In addition to your reading, you will view films, visit celebrated art museums, and listen to great music.

All the while, you will begin to develop many of the essential skills you'll need when you enter the college classroom.

This distinctive curriculum was designed by Professor Louise Cowan, architect of the renowned University of Dallas freshman and sophomore core curriculum and of the summer program for teachers at the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture. Dr. Cowan was given the NEH Humanities Award in the White House for her work in teaching the classics.

**UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS:** All students participating in the *Arete* program will enjoy living on campus to enhance the camaraderie that inevitably develops in a learning community.

Located in Irving, Texas, the University of Dallas is a Catholic institution that seeks to educate its students to develop the intellectual and moral virtues, to prepare themselves for life and work, and to become leaders in the community. Through intensive teaching, interactive discourse, and critical analysis, the university pursues truth, virtue, and wisdom in the liberal arts and professional studies.

**THE FACULTY:** Students participating in the program will have the singular opportunity to be taught by regular faculty members from varying university departments. Assisting these professors will be advanced graduate students, who will

give individual attention to participants in order to help them develop their skills in both reading and writing. The student-to-staff ratio will not be greater than 5-1, ensuring that all students receive focused, individual attention.

**I believe  
that man will  
not merely  
endure: he  
will prevail.**

~ William Faulkner

**APPLICATION & FEES:** Rising sophomores and juniors are invited to apply to this distinguished summer program. The program fee of \$1200 covers classroom materials, tuition, room and board on the Irving campus, and activity fees. The University offers fundraising assistance to interested students.

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